

Who will speak for that committee--Street, Mason, Marcus, Jones, and Bruning?

Delegate Jones.

DELEGATE JONES: Delegate Jones from Ward 8. Committee members will be helping me to give this report.

The committee has met twice, and these are our recommendations. I won't go into all of the deliberations.

The finance management, the management of the finances, you will find on a single sheet of paper that talks about the requirements of bonding of the controller, accountants, the audit costs, and the third one is the monthly report. And there are three options on that sheet of paper. I wish you would pull that sheet of paper out; it's a single sheet of paper that Ms. Mason and I passed out at the meeting at the Public Service Commission.

Do you have that? It says "Management of Finances --Statehood Convention." Do you have that sheet?

The recommendation of the committee is option 3. The reason that we have chosen option 3 is because it will give us the less responsibility for handling money, the most time to write a Constitution, and the less hassle with it. The only requirement that option 3 gives us--I mean, demands of us--is that we get the President of the Convention to

write a letter to the Mayor asking the Inspector General to waive the cost of the audit. Now, that doesn't mean waive the audit, it means waive the cost of the audit.

We have been advised that the \$150,000 can be pulled off of the FMS system and be manually taken care of by a finance person in the District government.

Are there any questions?

DELEGATE JORDAN: Mr. Chairman.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Delegate Jordan.

DELEGATE JORDAN: Yes, I would like to move that the Convention adopt option 3 as recommended by the Committee.

VOICE: Second.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: It's been moved and seconded that the Convention adopt option No. 3 of management and finances.

Discussion?

Ready for the question?

Delegate Long?

DELEGATE LONG: I have two or three questions about the items of the budget here. There are some items which are missing I am just wondering about. We have ten legal ---

DELEGATE JONES: You have the wrong sheet, Delegate Long.

DELEGATE LONG: Never mind.

[Laughter]

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Ready for the question?

All those in favor of the motion signify by raising your right hand.

The Secretary says it is unanimous. Do you confirm that?

The vote is unanimous.

Delegate Jones?

DELEGATE JONES: The second item that was discussed at length by the committee was the \$30 a day. And it was decided by the committee to make a recommendation that everybody be offered the \$30 a day, and anybody who did not want it would be allowed to sign an affidavit stating that you do not want it, and you may take that affidavit to the finance person, or give it to me and I will take it to the finance person, and they will deal with it from there.

But that is an option that the Delegates should have, and the reason I need to know what your options are, in order to not have that as a constant discussion here in the delegation.

SECRETARY COOPER: Delegate Jones, I just want to know if there is an official affidavit, because some people

have submitted letters in that regard, and I imagine they will have to do it officially.

DELEGATE JONES: Is Mrs. Jackson here?

VOICE: Yes.

DELEGATE JONES: Mrs. Jackson from the Finance Office of the District government will provide us with that affidavit that people may execute.

Are there any questions on that?

DELEGATE HILDA MASON: Hilda Mason, at large. We were also advised that people who work for the federal government should find out from their supervisors if they are violating any federal laws in accepting the money.

Also the District government.

VOICE: Not the District government.

DELEGATE JONES: Not the District government. The letter that was given to us that came from Mrs. Reed back in the committee through Delegate Marcus said that the rule--and I don't have it right in front of me--was made to remove the District government from the reach of that rule.

So it does not mean that the District government people have to go.

VOICE: So the District government employee can receive the \$30?



DELEGATE JONES: Yes--do you have a copy of the letter?

DELEGATE MARCUS: Yes, I have a copy of the letter.

DELEGATE JONES: Okay, Michael, would you give her a copy of the letter--give Maria a copy of the letter?

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Delegate Maguire?

DELEGATE MAGUIRE: I have a copy of the letter in front of me, and the last paragraph reads that "I would suggest that individual Delegates who are employed by the District government or by the federal government check with their supervisors to determine whether there is any prohibition."

DELEGATE JONES: The reason that I have a problem with that paragraph is--the reason why I disagree with you--is because the District government cannot let supervisors dictate what the personnel policy of the District government is. So why would your supervisor dictate that?

And I think that the paragraph above that deals with that.

Delegate Marcus and Delegate Jordan?

DELEGATE MARCUS: I want to second what Chairperson Jones says in regard to that relevant paragraph in regard to District and federal government employees--the paragraph

directly above that, and the paragraph directly above that, which cites the sections of the U. S. Code which are relevant to District and federal employees receiving payment. And, as Chairperson Jones said, the committee has decided to recommend to Delegates that we now collect \$30 per diem on a schedule which we will discuss.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Delegate Maguire, do you have a question?

DELEGATE MAGUIRE: I was just curious why the Corporate Counsel wrote that. If that is the law, then I don't understand why they wrote that.

DELEGATE JONES: Delegate Jordan.

DELEGATE JORDAN: Madame Chair, the way I see it, the organization that creates the Corporation Counsel's Office says that a ruling or an opinion of the Corporation Counsel is binding until it is either overturned by the Mayor or the City Council.

Now, it seems that the Corporation Counsel has intentionally, in this particular instance, created an opinion that is ambiguous, and it leaves it up basically to the discretion of individual Delegates, plus I am certain that the Corporation Counsel wasn't willing to make a definitive statement as to whether individuals could or could not

receive that money, by saying go back and talk to your supervisor, who would in turn have to come to the Corporation Counsel for an opinion.

I am almost certain there is no prohibition against us accepting the money.

DELEGATE KAMENY: I suggest there are times when you have to act as an individual. Take your money if you want it, and if the D. C. government or the federal government wants to sue you, execute you, or anything else, let them try. Take it and let's move on to other things.

[Laughter and applause]

To hell with both governments!

DELEGATE JONES: Is that a motion, Frank?

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Is there a second to that motion?

VOICE: Second.

[Laughter]

DELEGATE LOCKRIDGE: Delegate Lockridge, Ward 8. I rise to move that this delegation accept and adopt option 2.

VOICE: Second.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: It has been moved and seconded that option 2 on the sheet entitled "Statehood Convention Budget" ----

DELEGATE JONES: No, no, this is on the recommendation that each Delegate receive the \$30 and take their option.

DELEGATE LOCKRIDGE: Oh, I see, keep me in mind for that.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: What she said is not on the sheet, yes, okay.

DELEGATE JONES: Okay, I move that we accept the recommendation of the committee that each delegate accept the \$30 and exercise his option as to whether he wants to keep it or give it back to the government.

DELEGATE KAMENY: Second.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: It's been moved and seconded that each delegate accept his \$30 and exercise his own option as to whether he wants to give it back--and there has been a procedure for giving it back suggested by Delegate Jones.

Discussion?

All in favor of the motion signify by saying aye.

[Chorus of "ayes"]

Those opposed?

[No response]

Abstentions?

[No response]

The motion passes.

Delegate Jones?

DELEGATE JONES: The sheet that says "Statehood Convention Budget," \$150,000 total, and the staff received it February 11.

Delegate Long, we are on this sheet now.

The Committee met and there was long discussion on all four of the options. You will find option 1, 2, and 3 are on the front side of the page, and option 4 on the back side of the page.

It was decided--I won't go into a long discussion--but it was decided by the committee that option 2--Delegates meet five days per week, that we would recommend that option to the Convention.

The total option is not recommended, because there has to be some discussion and some revising of part of the option. There are staff people who we wish to put in here that the Convention decided upon that is not in this option. And a special form will be made just for the needs of this Convention by the finance people of the District government in order for us to delineate what we want in the budget.

Next, the public relations contract--we would take out a contract, and we would recommend that \$10,000 be a

set-aside for public relations activity, and that we would not let a contract for \$10,000.

And with that, we would like to recommend option 2.

I move that we accept option 2. We will be bringing back an entire budget when we get that far.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Second?

DELEGATE JORDAN: Point of order, Mr. Chairman.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Yes, point of order.

DELEGATE JORDAN: Delegate Lockridge has been recognized for making that motion.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Well, Delegate Lockridge had been recognized, but she was out of order at the time. The presenter has a right to move her motion if she likes.

DELEGATE LOCKRIDGE: Well, I will second the motion.

DELEGATE JONES: Delegate Long had wanted to speak on this.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: It has been moved and seconded that option 2 be adopted by this body.

Discussion?

Delegate Long?

With the corrections that she mentioned.

DELEGATE LONG: I have a couple of questions.

There are legal research assistants tentative, but no provision for research assistants for operating committees.

Was that considered by the committee?

DELEGATE JONES: When the Budget Committee made its report on personnel, there was no mention for staffing of the operating committees.

Now, I think that that would have to be done. If you want to amend to put that in there.

DELEGATE LONG: I would like to amend this budget, No. 2 here, to include legal/research assistants for each operating committee.

VOICE: Second.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Did that motion get a second?

DELEGATE WARREN: Second.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: It has been moved and seconded that two additional legal/research assistants be added to this budget for the two operating committees.

Discussion?

Delegate Lockridge, Delegate Moore, Delegate Love.

DELEGATE JONES: Love had his hand up first.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Delegates Love, Lockridge, and Moore.

DELEGATE LOVE: It seems to me that these two

operating committees would be operating somewhat at different levels. The Rules Committee may be considering things in the beginning, including calendar; near the end, hopefully, it won't be doing very much. On the other hand, Style and Drafting won't be doing very much in the beginning, but will be doing a lot at the end.

I think we could probably split one person up amongst the two committees and that might help a little bit.

So I would like to move one research assistant to be split between those two committees.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Is there a second to that?

VOICE: Second.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: It's an amendment that there be one instead of two.

Any discussion?

DELEGATE MARCUS: Yes.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Delegate Marcus.

DELEGATE MARCUS: I think it's important for people to understand that we didn't see ten permanent part-time individuals as such. What we saw were ten slots which may in fact be utilized by the Convention and utilized in terms of research as directed by the research coordinator, who is listed on option No. 2, and that it is perfectly reasonable



to assume that the research coordinator will in fact make a research assistant available to committees as that is needed. If the body wishes to make that a formal motion, then that's fine, but I think that the body can assume that the research coordinator has the ability to do that at any rate.

And all we are doing with ten here is limiting the number of slots available at any given time. I seriously doubt that all ten will be engaged in specific work with specific committees at any specific moment.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Okay, Delegate Rothschild?

DELEGATE JONES: We must remember that we have secretaries and clerk-typists given to us by the District government who will also be part of the personnel and staffing of this Convention, which will lend more hands and bodies to the work of the Convention.

This just talks about the numbers of the staff we will be paying for out of the \$150,000.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Talmadge Moore?

DELEGATE T. MOORE: I pass.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Delegate Lockridge?

DELEGATE LOCKRIDGE: I pass also.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Brian Moore?

DELEGATE B. MOORE: I have a concern about Mrs.

Jones's motion.

Wes Long's motion is on the floor, right?

SECRETARY COOPER: No, Love's amendment is on the floor.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Delegate Mason?

DELEGATE HILDA MASON: Mr. President, Hilda Mason, at large.

I think if people make recommendations to change the budget, they will also have to indicate how the money shall be changed in the budget also. We went through a lot trying to figure out how to do this, and I don't know where the mover of the motion would recommend that we take the money from.

DELEGATE LOVE: It's my motion. It appears to me that ten legal/research assistants, or \$13,500, which says to me that each one is \$1,350--the budget is 146,000. Even if you added \$1,350 to that, you would be up to about \$148,000, which would still be somewhat under our total budget.

I just put the motion on the floor to be a little more economical than two.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Delegate Rothschild.

DELEGATE ROTHSCCHILD: I would like to address the

question, not specifically to the motion, but to the overall motion.

Is it appropriate to do that now?

My question is: Did the committee consider asking for more money or designing a budget that would actually suit our purpose and then seeing if we could get more money for that?

DELEGATE JONES: No, we did not get into A, B, and C alternative budgeting. That would take up considerably more time.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Delegate Harris?

SECOND VICE-PRESIDENT HARRIS: I would like to appeal to Delegate Love to withdraw his amendment in light of the discussion that government staff along with the research assistants would be sufficient at the time that the Style and Drafting would be working, etcetera, to handle all the Convention's business, and specifically within the budget. And we haven't dealt with unforeseen things yet. I think we ought to try to deal with that budget and save those opinions until later in case things come up.

DELEGATE LOVE: My feeling is that normally when a convention like ours starts, there has been a commission working for months ahead of time that has prepared materials

for the committees--they walk in on the first day of the meeting with a book full of all different kinds of alternatives. We have none of these things.

It appears to me, especially in the beginning of this Convention, there is going to be a considerable amount of work for these people until we can begin to bring in researchers from law firms and things like this.

I think we are going to need these people forty hours a week for the first month or so, and I do think that all ten committees should probably have somebody to do the work.

So I am willing to have it voted down--I can understand that. But I am very worried about that. What's happened to us, which is we do not have the kind of support which every other convention that has ever started has had.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Okay, let's cut that short and vote on Delegate Love's motion, all right?

And the motion is to reduce the amendment for two to one, one additional legal/research assistant.

All in favor of that motion signify by saying aye.

[Scattered "ayes"]

Those opposed?

[Chorus of "noes"]

All right, the motion loses.

We are back to the original motion. The original motion is by Delegate Long to change ten to twelve in effect, and that is one for each of the substantive committees and one for each of the two operating committees.

All in favor of that motion signify by saying aye.

[Scattered "ayes"]

Those opposed?

[Chorus of "noes"]

Motion loses.

DELEGATE JONES: Back to the main motion now.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: The main motion is that--you want to discuss the main motion?

Delegate Kameny, Delegate Maguire, Delegate Moore, Delegate Rothschild.

DELEGATE KAMENY: I have a question or two; I am not sure if they are in order or not.

This has to do with the question of your original suggestion that we adopt the option for the delegates to meet five days a week.

Is a question about that in order?

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Sure.

DELEGATE KAMENY: There are a couple of questions

having to do with that.

First of all, I do point out for those Delegates to whom the stipend is of some meaning, that means we are going to receive about \$800 less for the whole Convention, because ninety days is ninety days, and there are X number of weeks in ninety days--five days, three days, seven days, whatever. If you meet less, you get less.

Secondly, how, for these purposes, and in light of the Corporation Counsel's decision, and whatever opinions, how do we define "meetings"? It is my understanding that that does not mean meetings of the full Convention, but work on committees and the like.

How is this defined?

DELEGATE JONES: We have a recommendation that is going to come up after we finish with this.

So what is your second question?

DELEGATE KAMENY: Well, my first was an observation, my second was a question.

DELEGATE JONES: We have discussion on a discussion that we had proposing what days and what kind of meetings that you pay for, so can you hold that?

DELEGATE KAMENY: Sure.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Okay, those in favor of

the main motion, option 2, as presented by Delegate Jones--  
oh, excuse me, Delegate Maguire.

DELEGATE MAGUIRE: Option 1, option 2, one four-day, one five-day. For me to really vote on which option, it would be helpful for me to know what we define as a "day." So I would like to have a discussion before we vote on that. That's what my question is.

DELEGATE JONES: The motion is already on the floor.

DELEGATE MAGUIRE: I am saying for me to be able to vote, it's important for me to know what constitutes a day, because I might want option 1 then. It depends on what a day is.

Do you understand what I am saying?

DELEGATE JONES: Yes, I understand exactly what you are saying, but it will fall out all right. Trust me.

[Laughter]

If we bring that discussion up now it will be all meshed in and mixed in and become a kind of fruitcake I don't think we will want to deal with altogether.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Delegate Brian Moore.

DELEGATE B. MOORE: I think we do need a clarification on the day and what a day consists of, committee

meetings or plenary sessions, and what happens if a Delegate does not attend the meeting.

DELEGATE JONES: We didn't go that far, but, Delegate Moore, when I bring up what the committee discussed and recommended, there is going to be a lot of discussion then, all right?

And I don't know how else to do it but wait until after we move past this, and then bring the discussion up. If you want to reconsider this, that's fine. I don't have any problem with that.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Delegate Jones, option 2 says Delegates meet five days per week, and there is a discussion for that. Two Delegates so far don't really know what five days means, right?

I think for purposes of clarification it might be well to indicate what that is now, and then go ahead and vote.

DELEGATE EICHORN: Mr. President, can I ask the question a different way?

PRESIDENT CASSELL: The question has already been asked, and she's agreed to respond.

DELEGATE JONES: No, let her ask the question a different way.



DELEGATE EICHORN: By proposing that Delegates meet five days per week, I assume--and I want this clarified --that you are proposing that at a maximum Delegates will be paid for five days a week so that we fall within this budget, is that the intention?

[Delegate Jones nods affirmatively]

Then I would think that we could vote on this with that understanding, that at a maximum Delegates will be paid for participating in five particular kinds of meetings so that we fall within the budget.

Pass this and then we will go on to decide what those meetings constitute.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: I think that is clarified now. Are you ready for the vote?

DELEGATE ROTHCHILD: No, I was recognized.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: No, you weren't recognized.

SECOND VICE-PRESIDENT HARRIS: Cooper is next.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Cooper?

SECRETARY COOPER: Yes, I just wanted to ask Delegate Jones and other members of the committee about the in-kind services. I was wondering ---

DELEGATE JONES: We are not in a discussion about that. We are discussing what's happening to the \$150,000--

that's all.

SECOND VICE-PRESIDENT HARRIS: Move the question.

DELEGATE BLOUNT: Second.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: I'm going to move the question, I think there's been enough discussion--and [to Delegate Rothschild] you have discussed.

All in favor ---

DELEGATE ROTHSCHILD: I object. The question has not been moved, and I was scheduled to speak.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: You were not, I did not recognize you, you have already spoken on this one. I am calling the question.

DELEGATE ROTHSCHILD: I have not spoken on this before.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: All in favor please signify by saying aye.

DELEGATE LONG: Point of order.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Point of order.

DELEGATE LONG: The Chair cannot arbitrarily cut off debate. We have got Robert's Rules here; everybody wanted to run by Robert's Rules.

DELEGATE BLOUNT: Mr. Cooper called the question.

DELEGATE LONG: When did he call the question?

SECOND VICE-PRESIDENT HARRIS: I called the question.

DELEGATE LONG: No, you didn't. Are we going to operate by Robert's Rules or not?

SECOND VICE-PRESIDENT HARRIS: I moved the question and Blount seconded it.

[The President gavels for order]

DELEGATE JONES: Mr. Chairman, I move the question.

VOICE: Second.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: There's been a motion to cut off debate. All in favor signify by saying aye.

[Chorus of "ayes"]

Those opposed?

DELEGATE ROTHSCHILD: Point of order. I had my hand up! And there has not been somebody recognized!

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Those in favor of the motion please signify by standing.

[Many Delegates stand]

Those opposed?

Abstentions?

SECRETARY COOPER: One standing.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: The motion carries. The count on that motion was 23 for, 7 opposed, and 3 abstentions.

DELEGATE JONES: After much discussion, the committee arrived at a recommendation for the kind of meetings that Delegates should be paid for which would constitute a maximum of five days.

Now, at the Convention, if the Delegates do not meet those five days, you still would fall within the five days in order for the budget to [inaudible] and you would not overshoot the \$150,000.

We said that a day would be a plenary session and committee meetings, that it could be one plenary session, four committee meetings, or three committee meetings and two plenary sessions.

We know that everybody is going to belong to two committees, and possibly three.

It means that after you hit the maximum mark, then you would be giving in-kind services to the Convention. Now, I took that on the floor for discussion with this delegation.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Delegate Kameny?

DELEGATE KAMENY: Just a question, if I may. Is that to be on a week-by-week basis?

DELEGATE JONES: Yes.

DELEGATE KAMENY: On one week you have three and you have seven the next week.

DELEGATE JONES: If the delegation at the Convention needs to do that, then it will have to come up with a rule to provide for that. We are only making the suggestion as to the type of meeting that you will be paid for, because if you don't, we will have people who will say I came and ---

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Delegate Jones, I have to cut you off.

The last motion was to cut off debate; that motion passed.

We now have a motion before us that we must vote on; that is on option 2.

All those in favor of adopting option 2 signify by saying aye.

[Chorus of "ayes"]

Those opposed?

[Scattered "noes"]

Abstaining?

[Voice: "Abstain"]

Division of the house: all those in favor please signify by standing.

[Many Delegates stand]

All opposed? Please stand and remain standing until the count is over.

Those abstaining?

The motion passes, 31, 1, 4.

DELEGATE LOVE: Mr. Chairman, point of parliamentary inquiry.

If we are now operating by the rules which we adopted, it seems to me I recall an amendment by Delegate Eichorn to the effect that you had to have two people speak for and two people speak against any motion before the question could be called.

Am I correct?

I don't know if two people got to speak on both sides.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: I think you are correct, but at least two people spoke on both sides.

DELEGATE LOVE: I just wanted to be sure that at least everybody understands at least two will speak on each side before something is called.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Yes, if so desired, yes.

Delegate Jones, once more.

DELEGATE JONES: After much discussion, the committee would like to put on the floor for discussion the fact that you would get paid for plenary sessions and committee meetings; if you went to one plenary session and four

committee meetings, or two plenary sessions and three committee meetings a week, you would only get paid for a combination of five per week, or less.

DELEGATE BLOUNT: Is that a motion?

DELEGATE JONES: Well, yes, I move that recommendation.

DELEGATE BLOUNT: Second.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: It has been moved and seconded that we accept the fact that we will be paid for plenary sessions and committee sessions, but no more than five such sessions or combinations thereof per week.

DELEGATE KAMENY: Per week or cumulatively?

PRESIDENT CASSELL: One week. Discussion? Yes, Schrag, Rothschild, Love, Jordan, Mason.

DELEGATE SCHRAG: I would like to be bold enough to make the suggestion that we be more generous with ourselves. It seems to me there are many tasks that are of great importance to writing this Constitution besides attending plenary meetings and committee meetings. There are going to be many days when many of you are going to be spending substantial hours drafting things in your offices, talking on the telephone with each other, and doing a lot of very important Convention work, even though you are not at a formal

And I would like to throw out the suggestion that on any day when a Delegate does two hours of work on Convention business and submits a notation to that effect to the treasurer at the Convention or to the appropriate officer, that that Delegate be entitled to be paid for that day.

We have provided for that already in the budget; we have voted that we have up to five days a week money budgeted for this purpose, and it seems to me relatively arbitrary to limit what counts as a day to a formal meeting.

I move that as a substitute, two hours of work constitutes a day.

VOICE: Second.

VOICE: Second.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: There is a substitute motion that we be paid for up to two hours per day--let's get it written.

The motion is that we get paid for two hours; two hours constitutes a day regardless of what kind of work we are doing.

DELEGATE SCHIRAG: With a five-day limit.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Within five days.

Delegate Jones?

DELEGATE JONES: You know, I would like to keep a



day ----

PRESIDENT CASSELL: I'm sorry, it's been called to my attention that I was out of order.

Delegate Rothschild?

DELEGATE ROTHSCHILD: First, I would like to apologize to the Convention for my outburst, but I felt extremely frustrated; I don't think the procedure was correct and I don't think my outburst was correct.

I would like to speak in favor of Delegate Schrag's motion. I think there are many times when we are going to be doing things where we will not be meeting in committee-- we will be meeting in subcommittees, we will go out in twos and threes to go out to do research, to go to the library. And I feel it will restrict us to having always to have committee meetings just to pick up our paychecks. And I don't want to be limited to that extent.

Thank you.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Delegate Love?

DELEGATE LOVE: I would like to speak in favor of this motion also. Many of us find we get most of our work done outside of committee meetings, and I know on committee I spent many hours putting materials together for the meeting for our use.

And I feel that if we are going to be spending time --I am not sure I agree with the two hours--that I feel that that time is in many ways for some of us more effective than the time we spend in meetings talking.

So I would like to support the motion.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Okay, that's two in favor.

Against?

Delegate Jordan, against?

DELEGATE JORDAN: Yes. Mr. President, in many respects I am in sympathy--I could support the motion proposed by Delegate Schrag, because as I look at the language it says that Delegates are authorized to receive ----

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Excuse me, Delegate Jordan.

Would the Delegates in the back who are having a caucus please be seated and allow us to proceed without the murmur.

Please caucus in such a way that it doesn't disturb the assembly.

Delegate Jordan?

DELEGATE JORDAN: Mr. President, I am saying that in many respects I can understand and support the motion that has been offered by Delegate Schrag because the language of the Act provides that a Delegate is entitled to receive a \$30 per diem when engaged in the performance of the duties

of the Constitutional Convention, and it was left to the discretion of the Convention to define what the terms "engaged in the performance of duties of the Constitutional Convention" would mean.

So in that respect I think that doing research and other work that would be helpful in our performance of duties as Delegates for this Convention, in preparation for committee meetings and plenary sessions, would be important.

But I think using two hours for a day is kind of stretching it--I have to be honest with you.

So I would like to offer a substitute motion to the one that has been offered by Delegate Schrag, to change the two hours to four hours a day.

DELEGATE COATES: Second.

DELEGATE KAMENY: That's a long committee meeting.

DELEGATE JORDAN: It doesn't have to be a committee meeting.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Okay, a substitute motion to change the two hours in Delegate Schrag's motion to four hours. It's been moved and seconded.

Discussion?

Delegate Mason?

DELEGATE HILDA MASON: Thank you, Mr. President.

I am having a real serious problem about this discussion. Some Delegates do not understand what a hard time we had getting \$150,000, when Betty Kane, Council person, wanted \$10,000.

Some Delegates possibly don't understand that if the Constitution is not approved when it first goes to Congress, then we have to try again. And that means convening and getting more money.

And if the Council members and the public in general gets an idea that we are wasting money, we will not get another budget.

Now, in Guam the delegates were paid only for plenary sessions, and in some other places they were paid only for plenary and committee meetings of which they were members, not for a lot of extra things like writing some notes and doing some research or writing, you know, some sections to the Constitution somewhere else.

I think we have to be very careful. We do not have much money. In the end this \$10,000 that we have set aside for public relations could include also trying to get some law school professors help us finalize the document, so that it will be a document which will be approved favorably, that will be acted upon favorably.

We might have some other expenses which have not even been looked into. And the committee labored very hard over this.

I would urge us not to give the public the impression that we are more interested in the money than we are in the job that we are trying to do. The job is to write the Constitution.

[Applause]

Mr. Chairman, just one last sentence. Lots of people in this area serve on commissions and boards, and there is a control as to how that money is spent. Maybe we ought to find out how that is. And there are a lot of people who work as a gratuitous service, like Charles Mhson who works in my office as many hours as I do and doesn't ever get a cent.

Thank you very much.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Delegate Maguire.

DELEGATE MAGUIRE: I am going to speak against this motion, because I don't think there is a practical way to police it. That's No. 1. As for No. 2, my understanding was that the \$30 per diem was set up to cover expenses and not to make money.

I don't think that we should be setting ourselves

up to be making money, as Delegate Mason mentioned. And when we went into this, I think everybody knew the amount of work, or had some idea of the amount of work that being a Delegate was going to take. That just comes with the job; and we can't expect to get paid for all of that.

Thank you.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Delegate Cooper?

SECRETARY COOPER: Yes, Mr. Chairman, I, too, would like to speak against this amendment, not because it extends the time, because I am not in favor of the time of two hours either, but because, like Delegate Maguire pointed out and like Delegate Mason pointed out, I know that we didn't run to be Delegates to the Statehood Convention just so we could have a part-time job.

This I think shows a great deal of disrespect for the process; I think it shows a disrespect for the Convention on the whole. And, frankly, you see the situation that our budget is in, and you know the kind of financial ruin that we could possibly run into, because I think everyone of us is aware that this budget figure of \$146,000-plus is certainly most likely to be greatly overrun by expenses incurred during the course of the Convention.

And I would suggest that we defeat both of these

substitute motions.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Delegate Jones?

DELEGATE JONES: I would like to speak in opposition to the motions, because, as Barbara Maguire says, there is no practical way to measure, and there is no practical way to police a person coming in saying I put in two hours of research. That would be something different if you had a committee meeting where you went to the library as a committee meeting and did some research and produced a document.

But just to say you researched something and I spent two hours on the telephone talking to another Delegate, we have no way to measure that and no way to police it.

And I don't think that we ought to get involved in that.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Delegate Harris?

SECOND VICE-PRESIDENT HARRIS: In light of the discussion I don't think we need to go on much further, if we look at our budget.

I would like to appeal to Delegate Jordan to withdraw his substitute motion and hopefully Delegate Schrag might be inclined to also, because, No. 1, ---

DELEGATE SCHRAG: I withdraw my substitute motion.

DELEGATE JORDAN: I withdraw my motion.

[Applause]

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Okay, both motions have been withdrawn.

Delegate Robinson, Delegate Shelton.

DELEGATE ROBINSON: Samuel Robinson, Ward 5. First, I would like to thank the two movers of the motions for withdrawing those motions.

I am very concerned about an undercurrent that is occurring in this Convention. First of all, we have people here who believe we can write a part-time constitution. Now we have people who are degrading this body by suggesting that we can write on a little piece of paper saying that we have worked and done something of importance--and they are forgetting that we have a higher calling, a calling to write a document to set into motion a state.

[Shouts of several voices]

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Delegate Robinson, thank you very much for your observations, but both of those motions have been withdrawn.

We are back to the main motion now, the Jones motion. Delegate Jones, do you want to state your motion once more?

DELEGATE SHELTON: Point of personal privilege,



Mr. Chairman.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Yes.

DELEGATE SHELTON: I think the speakers have adequately addressed the substitute motions, but I think we would be giving a misconception if we did not indicate, however, that while we are ready and willing to receive the charge that we have from the voters of this District, that we do recognize that \$150,000 is totally inadequate to meet the total needs of this Convention.

And I think that that should be on the record.

[Applause]

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Thank you. Delegate Jones?

DELEGATE JONES: The motion is that the Delegates be paid for plenary sessions and committee meetings not to exceed five per week.

DELEGATE KAMENY: Just for clarity, in any one week?

DELEGATE JONES: In any one week.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Is there any further discussion on that motion?

All in favor signify by raising your hand.

[Many hands raised]

Those opposed?

Abstentions?

Okay, motion carries.

Delegate Jones?

DELEGATE JONES: We will provide to the group the affidavits and we will provide to the group copies of the full budget, put on the formal document that you pass up or down at the next meeting.

Thank you.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Delegate Blount?

DELEGATE BLOUNT: Now that we have adopted the budget and the financial system, I would offer a motion that the executive committee will act as personnel committee and hire the personnel so designated in the budget.

VOICE: Second.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: It's been moved and seconded that the executive committee act as personnel and screening committee, and do the hiring.

Discussion?

Ms. Mason?

DELEGATE MASON: Hilda Mason, at large. I have two questions.

Will the body be notified when there will be interviews and an executive committee meeting so that we will

know what's going on?

PRESIDENT CASSELL: The answer to that is yes, if you are speaking to the Chair.

DELEGATE MASON: How will Delegates handle the requests and resumes from people who contact them?

PRESIDENT CASSELL: If this motion passes, the executive committee has that responsibility to develop that procedure.

DELEGATE MASON: In other words, the import of my question is, if people already have received resumes, is the President ready to receive them from the members of the delegations now--I mean, not now but ---

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Surely.

DELEGATE MASON: Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Any further discussion on the motion?

Delegate Marcus?

DELEGATE MARCUS: I appreciate the intent of the motion in terms of making a speedy hiring process in the Convention. However, I believe that the hiring of the two principal staff officers for the Convention, the executive secretary and the legal counsel, are of such magnitude that that hiring should take place as a result of a motion on the

floor of the Convention.

I would therefore move to amend Mr. Blount's motion, to say that the executive committee will act as the hiring committee, personnel committee, and hire all employees for the Convention with the exception of the executive secretary and legal counsel, who will be hired as a result of a motion on the floor of the Convention, after recommendation by the executive committee.

VOICE: Second.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Is this a substitute motion?

DELEGATE MARCUS: It's an amendment.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Is there a second to that motion?

VOICE: Second.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Discussion? Delegate Cooper, Delegate Blount.

SECRETARY COOPER: I am drastically opposed to this amendment, Mr. Marcus. I think it was made--and I don't mean this as an insult--but I think it was made because of a lack of information on your part.

I really don't think you are familiar with the situation that really goes on here. I think it's necessary to try to consolidate that hiring to the executive committee.

I, for one, have spent up to twelve hours every day here for the last two weeks in managing some of this paperwork and trying to coordinate some of these activities, and I am extremely familiar with what's going on here and what's needed in an executive secretary. And I think that to try to entrust or inflict thirty-seven or thirty-eight other views into that, I think we would greatly dilute what I consider is a wealth of knowledge as to what is really needed in an executive secretary as well as all the other staff members.

And I could read some other things into that amendment, but I will just call time on myself--and I won't.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Delegate Blount?

DELEGATE BLOUNT: I feel that if the Delegates have a strong reservation about whoever is hired, then, of course, points can be made by the total body on the Convention floor. But the purpose of this motion is to speed up the process and also to make it very easy on all of us. All of the dealings I have had with any organization, usually a small committee would actually intervene and propose--we may approve or disapprove. Basically we are trying to streamline our procedures.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Delegate Mason?

DELEGATE HILDA MASON: Hilda Mason, at large. I would just like to point out to the delegation that on the Board of Education and on the Council of the District of Columbia that those two bodies, all members of those two bodies do vote for the staff, even though they have a screening process.

And that also happens in most of the organizations with which I am affiliated--churches and other groups--and I think that would you said, the screening committee could do the screening and the Delegates could vote on these two top positions.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Delegate Garner and Delegate Talmadge Moore, Delegate Harris.

DELEGATE GARNER: I would like to speak in favor of the amendment, and I would like to make it clear that I am doing so because I think the positions are so important that we want to indicate to the people that will take this how important it is.

I intend, should we adopt this procedure, to vote for whoever the executive committee and the President recommend, but I want to make it clear that I think it is an important position and that it should be given that importance by the vote of the Convention.

Thank you.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Delegate Talmadge Moore, then Delegate Harris.

DELEGATE T. MOORE: Talmadge Moore from Ward 5. I speak against--and I think that we all have voted for officers on the executive committee, and we voted by a certain amount of loyalty and trust. I think we should leave that up to our staff here which we voted in.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Delegate Harris?

SECOND VICE-PRESIDENT HARRIS: Delegate Harris, Ward 4.

One of the things that concerns me greatly is the fact that we do not have time, I don't think, to be concerned with day-to-day running of the Convention and writing the Constitution. It seems to me that hiring is confidential, people's papers are confidential, and I think that if the executive committee can oversee this hiring process, it would speed up things. We are talking about secretaries, we are talking about clerical help, we are talking about executive director.

If resumes are collected and given to the appropriate committee, it seems to me that the judgment could be rendered. If what Delegate Garner says is true, that the



Convention will vote on who the committee decides, then it seems to me that if the confidence is there and the trust, then it ought to be so done.

But I would urge you to vote against the amendment.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Delegate Robinson?

DELEGATE ROBINSON: Mr. President, I move the previous question.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: The previous question has been moved.

VOICE: Second.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: And seconded.

All those in favor of cutting off debate, signify by saying aye.

[Chorus of "ayes"]

Those opposed?

[No response]

Abstentions?

[No response]

Okay, the motion is on the floor, and the motion on the floor is that the executive committee act as the personnel screening and hiring committee, with the exception of the executive secretary and legal counsel, who will be hired as a result of a vote by the Convention, by the body, after the



recommendation of the executive committee.

Is the motion clear?

Okay, those in favor of the motion, signify by saying aye.

[Chorus of "ayes"]

Those opposed?

[Chorus of "noes"]

Abstentions?

Motion loses.

We are back to the original motion now, the main motion, and that is that the executive committee act as the personnel screening and hiring agency.

Those in favor, signify by saying aye.

[Chorus of "ayes"]

Those opposed?

[No response]

Those abstaining?

[One abstaining]

Motion carries. There is one abstention.

Delegate Love?

DELEGATE ROTHSCILD: With love.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Delegate Rothschild.

DELEGATE ROTHSCILD: I would like to make a motion,

which is actually what I was trying to speak to before, that the executive committee, under maybe the direction of the treasurer, actually draw up an adequate budget. This is very important, I think, because I think we should have a statement in the beginning as to really what we need financially. And then I think maybe later on we should, if nothing else, have this document to refer to.

It's been noted in the article by Mr. Valentine that the Maryland Constitutional Convention had \$4 million to work with; we have \$150,000 to work with.

I really feel we are underfunded, and I think, for the record, for ourselves and for the possibility of asking for more money, we should draw up an adequate budget.

So I would like to make that motion.

VOICE: Second.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Do you want to state the motion again?

DELEGATE ROTHCHILD: My motion is that the executive committee, under the direction of the treasurer, would

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[President gavels for order]

PRESIDENT CASSELL: I'm having difficulty hearing the motion.

DELEGATE JONES: Point of order, Mr. Chairman.  
Really, Rothschild, you should change that motion, because I can't direct the executive committee.

DELEGATE ROTHSCHILD: All right, I will just say the executive committee.

I would like to make the motion that the executive committee draw up what they consider an adequate budget without any limitations--just an adequate budget--and that that be presented at the Convention, so we can consider that.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Second?

VOICE: Second.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: You've heard the motion, any discussion?

Delegate Mason, Delegate Bruning.

DELEGATE HILDA MASON: Hilda Mason, at large. I am not sure that I understand the motion. Did you say an adequate budget regardless of the \$150,000? You mean, it could be a million dollars?

DELEGATE ROTHSCHILD: Whatever it would be.

DELEGATE KAMENY: It's a working document, so we know what we really need.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Delegate Bruning?

DELEGATE BRUNING: Bruning, Ward 1. While I think

it's a general agreement that we are underfunded, I think the reality we are dealing with now is \$150,000. And I think we can go through the exercise of writing up the perfect budget, but I don't think it would further the work of the Convention, and it would take away the time of the executive committee.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Delegate Marcus, and then we are going to vote.

DELEGATE MARCUS: I also rise to speak against this particular motion. I do believe it is a waste of time. There are too many valuable things to do here with our time.

I would call to the Delegates' attention the model budget drawn up by Delegate Long, myself, and Mr. Ed [inaudible] of the 51st State Committee, which in fact was used as a model budget in several instances. And if the Convention so desires, that particular document may be resubmitted to the City Council as evidence of the type of budget we should be working under, as an amendment.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Ready for the question, please?

DELEGATE MARCUS: Call for the previous question.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: All of those in favor of the motion made by Delegate Rothschild, please signify by saying aye.

[Chorus of "ayes"]

Those opposed?

[Chorus of "noes"]

Those abstaining?

The motion loses.

Delegate Jones?

DELEGATE ROTHSCHILD: Could we call for a division on that?

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Surely. Let's have that vote again. Those in favor of Delegate Rothschild's motion, please signify by raising your hand.

[Some hands go up]

Those opposed?

[More hands go up]

Those abstaining?

[One hand goes up]

9, 17, 1.

Delegate Jones? Let's find out what Delegate Moore wants.

DELEGATE B. MOORE: Yes, I would just like to make a comment.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Very brief now.

DELEGATE B. MOORE: Very briefly. I think we have

to be aware of the audience out there, both the ---

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Is this relating to the motion that was just voted on?

DELEGATE B. MOORE: --- [inaudible] committee and the Congress, and sometimes we can't vote in favor of certain things until we go through the experience here and realize why something seems impractical. When we educate ourselves, then we are able to educate the larger audience out there.

But if we do something hastily, without really knowing about it, other than that other conventions have done it, we may not have the rationale and the reasons for that wider audience, which is looking and listening and very sensitive politically.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Thank you. Delegate Jones?

DELEGATE JONES: I have been asked to bring back before the Convention the in-kind contribution budget that is coming from the Mayor, and Mr. Barry has offered to this Convention--and in fact some of the staff people have already begun to work--one GS-11--it's the second page of what says "Statehood Convention Budget," and Mrs. Jackson put this together for our information--one GS-11 for 120 days, and the in-kind contribution is \$10,353.40; one GS-10 for 90 days, which is \$5,684.80; one GS-9, 45 days, at \$3,178.60;

one GS-7 for 120 days, \$6,980.57.

Under [inaudible] he gives us five GS-5's for 90 days, at a cost of \$17,045.

A subtotal of personnel services, \$43,242.37.

Other than personnel services, supplies \$2,500; court reporting services \$3,000; printing \$2,500; postage \$500; telephone \$1,500; space \$7,200; typewriters, the rental of seven machines at \$1,562.70. The subtotal for this is \$18,762.70.

A grand total of \$62,005.07.

Now, these things have been computed on an hourly basis, the actual hourly rate based on annual salaries. And if we multiply out the rate by one week, which is 40 hours, and then multiply the weekly rate by 13--this is what the Mayor has provided for this Convention.

Now, if there are other things that we need to ask him to provide, we have to make a laundry list of [inaudible].

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Delegate Jones, are you finished with that?

DELEGATE JONES: Yes, if there are questions.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Let me add something to that before you finish.

Mr. Young has indicated that although--and I had



not had a chance to share this with your committee, but let me put it out anyway--that although there are five clerks shown here for 90 days, the Mayor is prepared to provide, if resources allow, up to eight. If it turns out that there is insufficient money available, he is willing to go back to the City Council and ask for sufficient funds to increase the number of clerks. We have ten committees and five clerk-typists. He is willing to go back and ask for more. Whether he would be successful or not, I don't know.

He may suggest to the Council that the Convention itself request more secretaries than we have here. We don't have sufficient to have one for each committee, as we have already voted.

DELEGATE JONES: Delegate Lockridge?

DELEGATE LOCKRIDGE: I appreciate the contribution of the Mayor, but did I understand you to say that some of these folks are already on board?

DELEGATE JONES: They are already here.

DELEGATE LOCKRIDGE: Okay, then I need to know for my information, what are their duties and what have they been doing up till this time, and what will they be doing?

DELEGATE JONES: They have been here with the typewriters and Xerox machines, getting people to put down tables



and chairs where they have to go, and all of those kind of housekeeping duties that need to be done. They haven't gotten into the Convention business as such, but somebody has to be here to give directions to people ---

DELEGATE LOCKRIDGE: [Inaudible]

DELEGATE JONES: Well, not all of these people are here.

DELEGATE LOCKRIDGE: Well, what I am asking, Teresa is I think the Delegates should know actually what their duties are and what they are doing. If I have something to Xerox, I don't know who to go to.

DELEGATE JONES: Ms. Welles is here.

DELEGATE LOCKRIDGE: That's what I am saying, we need to be apprised of who these people are and where they are located and what their functions are.

DELEGATE JONES: I can't tell you where they all are, but Ms. Welles ---

DELEGATE LOCKRIDGE: I'm not asking you to tell us ---

DELEGATE JONES: Well, wait a minute. Mr. Cooper, who has been here several days and knows who's here and what is happening can give you all of that information.

DELEGATE LOCKRIDGE: I think we should get that

information.

DELEGATE JONES: Before he does that, the next person who wanted to speak was Bob Love and then Delegate Freeman.

DELEGATE KAMENY: Point of order.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Point of order. Excuse me, Delegate Jones.

[The President gavels for order]

DELEGATE KAMENY: I am grateful for the information we are getting, but, to make things orderly, is some action necessary by this body on this information, or are we merely being informed?

SECRETARY COOPER: Being informed.

DELEGATE JONES: I think this is just basic information as to who the Mayor has released to come to work with us. And when we say these people are on board, they are already on the District payroll.

DELEGATE KAMENY: So you are just informing us then. Fine, thank you.

DELEGATE JONES: Bob Love.

DELEGATE LOVE: I want to be recognized after we are finished with your report.

DELEGATE FREEMAN: I just had a question, but since

this is just informational ---

DELEGATE JONES: Ask the question, because you are going to come back later and ask it anyway.

DELEGATE FREEMAN: I want to know whether we have accurately what the reporting services are going to cost the Convention above and beyond this \$3,000 figure. It's my understanding that we were planning on only using court reporting services for the plenary but not for the committee meetings. I still figure it will probably cost more than \$3,000 for the plenary.

DELEGATE JONES: The Mayor is providing the court reporting services, and how he is going to do that within \$3,000 I do not know, but I sort of would like him to worry about that.

DELEGATE FREEMAN: Okay.

DELEGATE JONES: Talmadge Moore and then Hilda Mason.

DELEGATE T. MOORE: I just want a point of information as to whether we are going to have any specific duties and responsibilities for GS-7, -9, -10, and -11 clerk-typists, as to what their functions are, so we could have some control.

Are they going to be furnished by the Mayor? Are

we going to have control of them here or not? So I would like to know, if possible, could we have some brief evaluation of their duties and responsibilities?

DELEGATE JONES: It's my understanding that we will have total control; they will be under the direction of the executive secretary hired by the Convention. What is happening now, I am going to let Mr. Cooper answer that.

SECRETARY COOPER: Right now there are three persons excluding Ms. Judith Welles, who is acting as supervisor of those three people who are working on staff, and that is all that we have thus far. Last week we only had one person, and that was only for two days.

So when you see these big numbers of five people, a GS-7, a GS-11, they haven't come to fruition yet. But those three people do have sufficient amount of work to do in the production of minutes and forms and notices and other papers that are pertinent to the operation of the Convention.

Now, of course, some question has arisen as to the competency level of the people that the Mayor has detailed to us. It's a valid concern, but I think that as more people come on staff and they become more familiar with the process, their level of competency will certainly increase by a quantum.

DELEGATE JONES: Hilda is next.

DELEGATE HILDA MASON: Hilda Mason, at large. I wanted to thank Ms. Jones, because she worked very hard to get this much done, and the services in kind only shows the services available. As we demand the use of them, as we start meeting in committees, and as we get into research and so forth, they are going to have plenty to do. And I do say that we will have to watch and make sure that they do--and if they don't have the high quality of performance that we need, then we have to go back and deal with the Mayor.

But my main purpose for standing is that I have in my hand a copy of the study paper of the 51st State Committee which was presented to the Council on--I have two documents, one on June 5th, 1981, and one on June 2nd--I don't know why that is called revised. But anyway these two are the budget documents which were submitted to the Council, and I would be happy to give them to the President of the Convention so that copies can be made and these can be distributed. They might take care of one Delegate's concern to have a pie-in-the-sky budget.

But it does show that we sent a good budget to the Council, even though we did not get what we tried to get. And I would like to offer these to the President.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Yes, please.

DELEGATE HILDA MASON: Thank you very much.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Delegate Long.

DELEGATE LONG: I would hope that we don't try, Delegates, to manage the staff. I am perfectly willing to delegate all of that responsibility--hiring, firing, and supervision--to the executive committee, and let us debate the Constitution.

VOICE: Right.

SECOND VICE-PRESIDENT HARRIS: Mr. President, I move that we receive the budget report as has been presented to us.

VOICE: Second.

VOICE: Second.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: It has been moved and seconded that we receive the budget report, as presented by Delegate Jones.

Are you ready for the question?

All in favor signify by saying aye.

[Chorus of "ayes"]

Opposed, nay.

[No response]

Abstentions?

[No response]

Motion carries unanimously.

Delegate Blount?

DELEGATE BLOUNT: Mr. Chairman, in view of the lateness of the hour, and also the need for us to set another date for our meeting, I would move to take Question No. 9 out of order on our agenda, and make Question No. 8 first on the agenda of our next meeting.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Second?

SECOND VICE-PRESIDENT HARRIS: Second.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: All in favor of that--there's no discussion on that, is there?

All in favor signify by saying aye.

[Chorus of "ayes"]

Those opposed?

[No response]

Abstentions?

[No response]

Delegate Harris?

SECOND VICE-PRESIDENT HARRIS: Yes, regarding No. 9, I went to try to catch Mr. Young, and I think he had gone, and in light of his last discussion, we have this building, as you know, Saturdays till 2 o'clock, but he was supposed to work to try to get the building for us from 12 to 5, but



we have not gotten that clearance yet.

And in light of that, for this Saturday only-- hopefully he will have it ready by next Saturday--I would like to move that on this Saturday we meet from 9 till 2, when the building is open.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Is there a second?

SECRETARY COOPER: Second.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: It's been moved and seconded that we meet on Saturday from 9 till 2 in this building.

Ready for the question?

Delegate Barnes?

DELEGATE BARNES: There is absolutely no way the building is open past that time, I assume. We cannot get it past 2 o'clock?

SECOND VICE-PRESIDENT HARRIS: I understand there is a Saturday college class here, so it's trying to get them reorganized so we can have this building every Saturday during that time. I wanted to see if he had in fact cleared it; he had the other day--but he had gone.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Further discussion? Delegate Lockridge?

DELEGATE LOCKRIDGE: I would like to make a substitute motion, please. I would like to move that we keep our



time 12 to 5, and ask Delegate Long if we might meet at the Public Service Commission on Saturday.

VOICE: Second.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: It's been moved and seconded that we ask Delegate Long if he would favor us again with space at the Public Service Commission.

Question? Discussion?

DELEGATE KAMENY: Is there any possibility of the City Council chamber that day, which gives us a little more space?

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Delegate Harris?

SECOND VICE-PRESIDENT HARRIS: May I amend Delegate Lockridge's motion to say that if we meet from 12 to 5 on Saturday that we get a space at the University of the District of Columbia Van Ness campus. I don't know about the City Council, but the Public Service Commission is rather tight.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Delegate Jackson?

DELEGATE JACKSON: Couldn't I just vote on Ms. Lockridge's motion or Ms. Harris's motion, just vote either one, and whichever gets the most just do it?

PRESIDENT CASSELL: She's perfectly within her rights to attempt to amend the motion.

DELEGATE JACKSON: I am saying, sir, if we bring it to a vote it would be very simple to finish quickly.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: All right, state your motion again, 12 to 5?

DELEGATE LOCKRIDGE: 12 to 5 on Saturday at the Public Service Commission.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: It has been moved and seconded, an amendment to Delegate Lockridge's motion that we meet from 12 to 5 at UDC, where there is space.

[The President gavels for order]

DELEGATE KAMENY: Put the alternatives on the blackboard and count the votes that we get on each alternative.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Good.

SECRETARY COOPER: Point of order. Two people have not spoken against the amendment or the substitute motion.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: To expedite matters--I don't think the matter is that important--let's get it up on the board.

[The President gavels for order]

All those in favor of 9 to 2 in this very room, raise your hands.

Ten.

All in favor of meeting 12 to 5 at the Public Service Commission.

All in favor of meeting 12 to 5 tomorrow at UDC.

We will meet at the Public Service Commission on Saturday from 12 to 5.

Delegate Mason, Delegate Love, Delegate Marcus, Delegate Long.

Delegate Mason, may I make an announcement before you speak? It may have some bearing on what happens here.

Mr. Young has indicated that we can have this room from 12 to 5 from now on, if we want it; we simply have to instruct him now to make arrangements for it so that the University has the opportunity to reschedule other classes that take place here normally from 12 to 5.

Consensus? Therefore, starting with the following Saturday, we meet here from 12 to 5, unless we decide otherwise.

DELEGATE KAMENY: Not today or tomorrow.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: No. There isn't time for tomorrow.

Okay, Delegate Mason?

DELEGATE HILDA MASON: I want to thank Mr. Long, No. 1. No. 2, I want to ask him not to arrange the seating

so that we are in a fire trap. I want to be able to get out if there is a fire.

Maybe, Mr. President, we would say that Delegates will have even some of those seats on the back; we will all sit together but not all be jammed up, so we can't get out. That's a serious problem.

I'm just asking that Mr. Long think about how to arrange those seats so that it will be safe.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Is that a problem? Okay.  
Delegate Love.

DELEGATE LOVE: Mr. President, we have in front of us a report from the resources committee. Part of this report is a letter and a form to be sent out asking people to help us.

I would like to move that the executive committee be empowered to write a cover letter, to use the staff that we already have, to begin to contact the law firms and schools for resources, since ---

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Delegate Love, that is not the next item on the agenda. The next item on the agenda is No. 8, report from ward delegations on selections for committees.

DELEGATE LOVE: Mr. Chairman, it was my

understanding that a request had been made to receive the committee report ----

PRESIDENT CASSELL: But the request was not granted; we did not change the order.

Delegate Marcus?

DELEGATE MARCUS: In the Minutes of January 30th, our first meeting, the body--I moved, it was duly seconded, and the body adopted a motion that Dean Lawson remain the parliamentarian temporarily until such time as this body adopted rules.

We have now adopted rules, and I would therefore move that Dean Lawson of Howard Law School be invited, be asked, to be the permanent parliamentarian of this body.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Delegate Marcus, that motion is out of order. The parliamentarian serves at the pleasure of the Chair.

DELEGATE MARCUS: Thank you.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: The Chair is satisfied, but the Chair will make its own decision in due course.

DELEGATE MARCUS: I hope that indicates that at least this Delegate is satisfied.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Delegate Long?

DELEGATE LONG: I just wanted to say at this time

that we can now come through the main door of the Public Service Center, the front door, by Lincoln statue, up the stairs.

Now, with respect to the seating, I will arrange that the Delegates will sit in the first two rows of the pews to take the pressure off inside the railing.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Okay, are the instructions clear now, because there was some question as to which door to get into. Did everybody hear that?

Is it the same door as the last time?

DELEGATE LONG: No, the front door, right up from 4th Street, up the stairs past Abe Lincoln.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Delegate Warren?

DELEGATE WARREN: I move that we recess before going on to the next item to caucus for five minutes.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Delegate Warren, the next item on the agenda is No. 3, a report from the ward delegations on selections. I don't think there is time really to do that tonight.

I would entertain a motion to adjourn, and to make that the first order of business the next time.

DELEGATE KAMENY: I so move.

VOICE: Second.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: All right, all in favor signify by saying aye.

[Chorus of "ayes"]

Those opposed?

[No response]

All ayes, no noes. Okay, we are adjourned.

[The meeting recessed at 9:47 p.m. to reconvene the following Saturday, February 20, 1982, at 12 noon at the Public Service Commission]